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PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET

TOLD

THAT HE HAD DECIDED THAT, PRIOR

TO THE JUNE CONFERENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(OAS) IN SANTIAGO. HE HOULD RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

WHO ARE BEING HELD UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE STATE OF SEIGE BUT

WHO HAVE NOT HAD SPECIFIC CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST THEM.

EXPRESSED SKEPTISH THAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME,
EVEN DRAHATIC MOVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS HOULD MAKE LITTLE IMMEDIATE
D.FFERENCE IN CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. PINOCHET

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INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN THE JUNTA TO HOVE FORWARD IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA.

2. IN THIS REGARD, PINOCHET SAID THAT SOME CHANGES HOULD BE HADE WITH THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THEM. HE ADDED. HOHEVER, THAT HE DID NOT PLAN TO REMOVE COLONEL MANUEL CONTRERAS AS DIRECTOR OF DINA, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT THE LATTER HAD MADE MISTAKES. PINOCHET IDENTIFIED ONE OF DINA'S ERRORS AS ITS INABILITY TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS WITH THE VARIOUS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY THE AIR FORCE. HE ALSO STATED THAT DINA HAD TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS (NOT CLARIFIED) TO DRASTICALLY LOWER ITS PROFILE.

BETWEEN THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAD BEEN MAINLY DUE TO PERSONALITY CONFLICTS, WHICH HAD BEEN LARGELY OVERCOME AS A RESULT OF RECENT REASSIGNMENTS. INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS HERE NOW BEING MORE CLOSELY COORDINATED. THERE HAS NO DISCUSSION OF THE MISTREATMENT COMMENT OF DETTINEES.)

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NO INFORMATION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN DINE AND AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, ANOTHER SORE SPOT, HAVE IMPROVED.)

- GRANT SAFE CONDUCTS TO TOP EXTREMIST LEADERS ANDRES

 PASCAL ALLENDE AND NELSON GUTIERREZ DESPITE

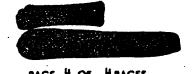
 STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE SECURITY FORCES. PINOCHET SAID

 THAT GIVEN THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST

 PASCAL, WHO IS IN THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY, HE WAS SWAYED BY

 CHILE'S NEED TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH COSTA RICA.
- DECIDED TO MAKE LARGE-SCALE EXPENDITURES TO IMPROVE CHILE'S IMAGE BY MEANS OF AN INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN. HE SAID THAT THE CAMPAIGN HILL INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHORT-MAVE RADIO NETHORK, WORTH AT LEAST U.S. SIX MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH WILL ENABLE CHILE TO REBUT RADIO MOSCOW AND RADIO HAVANA. IN ADDITIONA, PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGNS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES

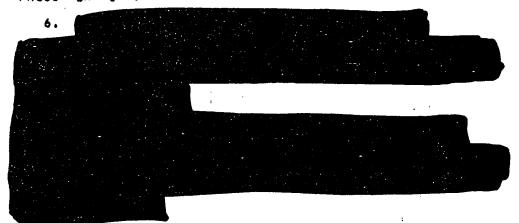
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TO IMPROVE CHILE'S IMAGE WITH THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND A PUBLIC RELATIONS HEADQUARTERS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN PARIS TO IMPROVE PRESS PLAY ON CHILE IN EUROPE.



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